



Thank you all for a wonderful School Year!!!

Have a fantastic Summer.

First day of school is Wednesday, September 6th.

Check your email at the end of August for details.

Message from the Ministry of Education

As summer break approaches, Minister Singh would like to thank everyone for their extraordinary efforts and accomplishments during the 2022/23 school year.

[Minister's end of year letter to students, parents and caregivers](#)

[Minister's end-of-year video to students, parents and caregivers](#)

VIRL Summer Reading Club 2023

JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Vancouver Island Regional Library invites kids aged 0 - 12 years to join Summer Reading Club. Participants will embark on a reading adventure at the library with this year's theme: **Journey Through Time**. Summer Reading Club encourages children to read a little every day by providing:

- Fun tools, such as colourful reading records, tattoos, and medals.
- Chances to win cool prizes — the more they read, the more chances to win.
- Interactive virtual events, such as BC Summer Reading Club Illustrator, Jeni Chen. We also look forward to seeing you inside branches for even more fun!

Summer Reading Club officially begins July 4th. You can register your children online at www.virl.bc.ca/src or in branch starting on June 20th! Once registered, kids can pick up a

special package at their local branch to track their reading; the package includes a reading record, stickers and other fun stuff.



Sora App

- **Choose from hundreds of audiobooks and E-books using the Sora app!** The audiobooks are great for road trips, or for home listening.
 - Get the Sora app on your device
 - Choose the 'Comox Valley School District'
 - Log in with your child's username and password (same ones they use to log in to the school computers). Their **username is their student number/library number**. The default for student passwords is: first initial, second initial, last four digits of their student number (AH####).
- **Sora also offers a Summer Reading Challenge:** [Sora Sweet Reads – OverDrive Resource Center](#)



Mathletics Summer Packs/Resources for students

Just a reminder that Mathletics is available year-round! So if your students want to continue learning over the summer, we've created a few resources you can share with them:

[Mathletics K-2 Summer Pack](#)

[Mathletics Gr 3+ Summer Pack](#)

Sentinels of Change Field Trip to Ford Cove Dock with Natural History Stewards

Throughout the spring, students have been visiting Ford Cove dock each Tuesday, accompanied by the Natural History stewards.

We have been monitoring a plankton trap and counting Dungeness crab larvae, which are then released.

The school visits have now finished for the year, but the study continues throughout the summer.

You are welcome to visit the dock throughout the summer on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9:15am. Meet at the top of the ramp.

The school visits will resume in Spring 2024. The study period is April 15-Sept 1.

It was so much fun having the students at the dock. They are good observers and very careful with the critters. Ask your child about what they saw.

Community Partners: The Hakai Institute manages the project. Hornby volunteer partners are Hornby Island Diving Ltd, Hornby Island Natural History Centre (HIES), Conservancy Hornby Island.

Project Information: The project will deploy and monitor a network of 25 plankton traps throughout the Salish Sea, and in Puget Sound. <https://sentinels.hakai.org> We are specifically looking at Dungeness crab larvae but will be looking at other species as well.

**The Summer Brochure 2023 is
here!!!**

Check it out!

Click the link below:

issuu.com/hornbyrecreation/docs/hornby_recreation_summer_brochure_2023.pdf



Child, Youth and Community School Programs

Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator

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Thank you for a successful and fun school year with afterschool programming, Friday club days, toddler drop-ins and teen nights. We are continually grateful for our volunteers, mentors and staff. Please reach out if you have an idea or would like to participate with our programming next year.

Enjoy the summer.

Thank you from HIES-CYCSP Staff and committee members

PAC Fundraising for Playground Swing Set

Congratulations!! We met the goal!! There is a drawing attached if you want to see the new swing set. Thank you to the following organizations who have contributed:



Comox Valley Regional District - \$10,000



The Variety School Grant - \$10,000



First Credit Union - \$1000



SD71 – in-kind contribution for installation - \$6,000

Co-op \$1000

GoFundMe \$3570

Variety BC's individual child grant program which provides direct help to children with funding for adaptive and mobility equipment, specialized therapies, tuition and tutoring, mental health services, and private assessments. To learn more or apply <https://www.variety.bc.ca/>

Communicating absences or end of day plan changes

It is important to include this email address: Hornby.island@sd71.bc.ca when communicating with the school about student absences, or end of day plans, or any other messages that need to be attended to quickly. Any Admin. Assistant who is at the desk, will check this email. If you are making bus changes for the end of the day, please also include Florette.maclean@sd71.bc.ca

AM'LALA SA KUMUXSE'

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/a%cc%b1mlala-sa-k%cc%b1%cc%93umux%cc%b1se/>

Am'lala sa K'umuxse' was created in July 2018 for Indigenous Education (School District 71) to be sung by all students to celebrate Kwakwaka'wakw culture and language. Am'lala sa K'umuxse' translates as 'Play Song of the K'omoux' and speaks to the great land "ila a hii" and the powerful ocean and rivers "skoo kum chuck" that are here within the lands of the K'omoux. The song was released into our School District in a ceremony held during a Professional Development Day on February 15, 2019.

Methods of Communication

At Hornby Island Community School, we know that communication between school and home is of great importance to a child's success at school. School staff share information frequently through the following pathways:

Monthly School Calendar Update: shows upcoming events and celebrates past successes and student recognition. The calendar is updated in weekly notices and posted on our school website.

Weekly Newsletter: sent out by email every Thursday to parents and staff. We also post the notice on our school website. Please be sure to check your email every Thursday to keep informed about important events and announcements.

Student Planners: classroom teachers and EA's support students in recording important information daily.

Allergy/Health Alerts

Please be aware we have students with allergies/sensitivities to specific foods. Students are not to share their lunches with others.

HICS is scent free. For the comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfumes and oils in our school building.

Use of School Facilities

Priority for school facility bookings outside of school hours are given to those organizations providing programming to children/youth. Our Gymnasium and Raven Room spaces can be booked by community groups. These bookings will now be made online through the SD71 website. Please book far in advance. Call the school for more information.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning together with you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have.

School District #71 Emergency Plans

First Aid Attendants onsite are Charmaine Logan and Florette Maclean.

Please familiarize yourself with our school district's emergency plans so you know what to expect if we are faced with an issue. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf>

School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations

Our procedures for power outages and ferry cancellations may affect regular operations of our school. If the power is out before school starts, the Principal/Vice Principal will contact the School District to decide on closing the school. If the school is to be closed, we will begin the emergency phone tree callouts. **If the power goes out during the day, we will make a decision based on information we receive about how long we will be without power.**

If there is an issue with our generator, we may need to close the school. If this is to happen, we will contact parents/guardians/emergency contacts. For this reason, and in the case of other emergencies, it is **VERY** important we have your verification forms with alternate emergency contacts. If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, Hornby School will also be closed unless otherwise stated. Again, the phone tree call-out will be in effect and all efforts will be made to ensure callouts happen early in the morning.

If there are power outages, we may not get through to your phone line so please be sure to listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat. If you can, check the School District website for notices on school closures at:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.

Please note that the contact information we have on file is provided by parents at the beginning of the school year when you review and sign the student verification form. If there are any changes in contact information throughout the school year, please notify the school as soon as possible so we can update our system.